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Traditional Agricultural Practice
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any schemes/programmes to support traditional agricultural systems and practices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the amount of funds allocated/released/spent for the purpose, during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the benefits of the said programmes, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the challenges faced by various regions and the steps taken by the Government to help them in tackling these challenges?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Govt. of India is promoting organic farming in country through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA). The details of the schemes and funds allocated/ released State- wise is given at Annexure I , IA and II, IIA.

(c): Government has assigned study to National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad to examine the design of PKVY and MOVCDNER schemes in terms of planning, stakeholder capacity, implementation challenges, input procurement and distribution.

(d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through All India Coordinated Research Projects/Network projects/Consortia Research Platforms with wide network of cooperating centres and State Agricultural Universities are addressing location/region specific Natural Resource Management (NRM) issues and developing cost effective scientific farming practices for different crops/cropping systems in farmers' participatory mode keeping in view the farmers' resource availability, traditional indigenous technology knowhow and grassroot farm innovations.

The NRM is conducting research programmes for Soil Inventory and Characterization, integrated Soil-Water-Nutrient Management, Watershed Management, Resource Conservation Technologies, Crop diversification, integrated weed management, integrated farming System including Agro forestry, dryland farming, arid, coastal and hill agriculture, abiotic stress management, climate resilient agriculture, conservation agriculture, waste water utilization, solid waste management and enhancement of nutrient and water use efficiency.